

Code of Military Justice, expressing the deep appreciation of the Nation to the courageous and honorable members of the Armed Forces who have selflessly served, or are currently serving, in Operation Iraqi Freedom (H. Rept. 108-480). **Page H2656**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Commander Maurice S. Kaprow, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve in Norfolk, Virginia. **Page H2551**

Middle-Class Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4227, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation, by a ye-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 144. **Pages H2561-85**

Rejected the Neal amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 108-477 by a ye-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 143. **Pages H2570-84**

H. Res. 619, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 142. **Pages H2555-61**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Moore motion to instruct conferees on S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 145. **Pages H2585-93, H2598-99**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism: H. Res. 605, amended, recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism, supporting programs for increased research and improved treatment of autism, improving training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 146; **Pages H2593-98, H2599-S2600**

Amending the Safe Drinking Water Act: H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program; and **Pages H2600-05**

Small Public Housing Authority Act: H.R. 27, amended, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan. **Pages H2605-07**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, May 6.

Sense of the House regarding the Lao People's Democratic Republic: H. Res. 402, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; **Pages H2607-14**

Sense of Congress regarding the detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China: H. Con. Res. 326, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; and **Pages H2614-17**

Expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons: H. Con. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons. **Pages H2617-23**

Amendment to the Communications Satellite Act of 1962: Agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 2315, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSTAT initial public offering—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H2600**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2560-61, H2584, H2584-85, H2598-99, and H2599. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 a.m. on Thursday, May 6. **Pages H2653, H2655**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:48 a.m. on Thursday, May 6.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2728, Occupational Safety and Health Small Business Day in Court Act of 2003; H.R. 2729, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2003; H.R. 2730, Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2003; and H.R. 2731, Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2003.

ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE STATUS REPORT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Status Report." Testimony was heard from Senator Murkowski; Patrick Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE—CURRENT MEDICARE PAYMENT SCHEDULE REVIEW

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Physician Fee Schedule: A Review of the Current Medicare Payment System." Testimony was heard from Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care—Medicare Payments Issues, GAO; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and Glenn Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ZERO DOWNPAYMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3755, Zero Downpayment Act of 2004.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S TRIBAL RECOGNITION PROCESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Betting on Transparency: Toward Fairness and Integrity in the Interior Department's Tribal Recognition Process." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Theresa Rosier, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary,

Indian Affairs; and Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General; the following officials of the State of Connecticut: Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General; and Mark D. Boughton, Mayor, City of Danbury; and public witnesses.

WILDFIRES IN THE WEST

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Wildfires in the West—Is the Bush Administration's Response Adequate?" Testimony was heard from P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior; Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

MIDDLE EAST—WATER SCARCITY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Water Scarcity in the Middle East: Regional Cooperation as a Mechanism Toward Peace. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: John F. Turner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; David Satterfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and James Kunder, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE AMERICAS ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action H.R. 3447, Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas Act of 2003.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO FILL HOUSE VACANCIES; TERRORIST PENALTIES ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, adversely, H.J. Res. 83, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 142, amended, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino

Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1014, amended, Gateway Communities Cooperation Act; H.R. 2010, amended, To protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives; H.R. 2201, National War Permanent Tribute Historical Database Act; H.R. 2663, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2828, amended, Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act; H.R. 2912, To reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government; H.R. 2966, amended, Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 2991, Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Initiative; H.R. 3247, amended, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 3378, Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2003; H.R. 3504, To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; H.R. 3505, amended, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery; H.R. 3706, John Muir National Historic Site Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 3768, amended, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve Boundary Revision Act of 2004; H.R. 3819, amended, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Designation Act of 2004; H.R. 3846, amended, Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004; H.R. 3874, amended, To convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal; H.R. 3932, amended, To amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4114, amended, Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act of 2004.

DEPLORING THE ABUSE OF PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES CUSTODY IN IRAQ

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. No witnesses were heard.

U.S. COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY PRELIMINARY REPORT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing entitled "U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Preliminary Report." Testimony was heard from ADM James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Improving the Regulatory Flexibility Act—H.R. 2345." Testimony was heard from Representatives Terry and Pence; Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RAILROAD SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Railroad Security. Testimony was heard from Allan Rutter, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Chet Lunner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Maritime and Land Security, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Ernest R. Frazier, Sr., Chief of Police and Security Department, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

AGOA ACCELERATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4103, AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004.

DCI WRAP UP BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on DCI Wrap Up Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—MARITIME SECURITY OPERATIONS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled "Maritime Security Operations within the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: RADM David S. Belz, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; Charles E. Stallworth II, Director, Office of Air and Marine Operations, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Tom Blank, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Transportation Security Administration.

Joint Meetings

NORTHERN IRELAND MURDER CASES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact in Northern Ireland of recently published reports on collusion in prominent murder cases, after receiving testimony from Peter Cory, former Canadian Supreme Court Justice, Ottawa; Geraldine Finucane, Northern Ireland; and Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine new opportunities for agriculture, focusing on biomass use in energy production, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up an original bill, The Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine impacts of climate change and states' actions, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine S. 1668, to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jonathan W. Dudas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2:30 p.m., SD-226

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on the National Foreign Intelligence Program Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Online Pornography: Closing the Doors on Pervasive Smut," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The 'Dot Kids' Internet Domain: Protecting Children Online," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "What's the Hold Up? A Review of Security Clearance Backlog and Reciprocity Issues Plaguing Today's Government and Private Sector Workforce;" and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4259, Department of Home-

land Security Financial Accountability Act; H.R. 4176, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the "Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building"; H. Con. Res. 295, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; H. Res. 613, Recognizing and honoring the 10th anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day; H.R. 622, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; and H.R. 3740, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Postal Office Building," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Update on Federal Government Initiatives and Revolutionary New Treatment of Neurodevelopmental Diseases," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The Crisis in Darfur: A New Front in Sudan's Bloody War; followed by markup of H. Con. Res. 403, Condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3283, Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Benefits of Tax Incentives for Producers of Renewable Fuels and Its Impact on Small Businesses and Farmers," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on H.R. 4251, Maritime Transportation Amendments of 2004, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 4020, State Veterans' Homes Nurse Recruitment Act of 2004; H.R. 4231, Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; H.R. 3849, Military Sexual Trauma Counseling Act of 2004; H.R. 4248, Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004; and a measure to reform the qualifications and selection requirements for the position of the Under Secretary for Health, 9:45 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing—Iraqi Prisoner Issues/Abu Ghraib, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Progress in Addressing Management Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security," 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.